March 14, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy met on Friday, March 14, 2008, in Montgomery, Alabama for the purpose of conducting Board Business. Those present were as follows: Rev. Charles Alexander, Chair; Reina Brashier, Vice-Chair; Dr. John Mark Trent, Member; Alan Swindall, Member and Mitzi Sears, Member. Also present were Paula Scout McCaleb, Executive Director; Dana Billingsley, Legal Counsel; Olivia Martin, Assistant Attorney General; and Jessica Burdette, Licensing Agent.

The meeting was called to order at approximately, 9:16 AM with a quorum present in the following members: Rev. Charles Alexander, Dr. John Mark Trent, Mr. Alan Swindall, and Ms. Mitzi Sears.

Public notice was given for this meeting on the Board's Official Website, www.mft.state.al.us and advertised on the Secretary of State's Website in accordance with the Open meetings Act.

John Mark Trent made a motion to accept the Minutes from February 8, 2008 as corrected. Those corrections being to remove the prefix of Dr. from Alan Swindall's name and to change Emilyn Gipson's title to President-Elect. The motion was seconded by Mitzi Sears and passed unanimously.

At approximately 9:21 AM Reina Brashier joined the meeting.

Alan Swindall made to motion to give consideration to consider the consent order and disciplinary action notice for Case # 08-01/Keith Parham. Reina Brashier seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Reina Brashier made the motion to reject the consent order and proceed with a public hearing for Case # 08-01/Keith Parham. Alan Swindall seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Alan Swindall made the motion to set at date for an emergency meeting to consider emergency suspension of the license of Case # 08-01/Keith Parham. Reina Brashier seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The date was set for March 19, 2008 at 9:00 AM in the Montgomery Board Office.

At approximately 10:22 AM, the Chair announced that the Board would take a brief recess and reconvene in approximately 10 minutes.

At approximately 10:36 AM the Board reconvened.

Alan Swindall made the motion for an emergency suspension of License Number 233, of Mack Lyons. The motion was seconded by Mitzi Sears and passed unanimously. Alan Swindall made the motion to accept the investigator specifications as presented. Reina Brashier seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Reina Brashier made the motion to approach the State and National MFT association, as well as the Public Service Commission for a possible partnership to include funding in order to continue operation. Mitzi Sears seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Reina Brashier made the motion to approve Lane Walthall and Kim Deaton for LMFT Associate. Alan Swindall seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Reina Brashier made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by John Mark Trent and passed unanimously.

There being no further Board Business, the Board adjourned at approximately 11:41 A.M. The Chair announced that the next scheduled Board Meeting would be held March 19, 2008 in the Montgomery Board Office.

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Charles Alexander, Chair
Reina Brashier, Vice-Chair
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Paula Scout McCaleb, Executive Director
Jessica Burdette, Licensing Agent.

Respectfully Submitted,